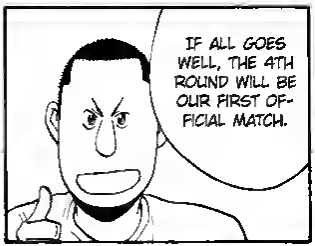
HE DEFEATED NABAE-KUN...?!
BURSTING
*CHARGE


IF ALL GOES WELL, THE 4TH ROUND WILL BE OUR FIRST OFFICIAL MATCH.

BUT I'M BEATING TAKAGI,
SO PLEASE WIN TODAY, TOO.
YUKI-CHI-KUN.

ANYWAY, FOCUS ON THE 3RD ROUND FOR NOW!!

...YUP.
LET'S DO OUR BEST!

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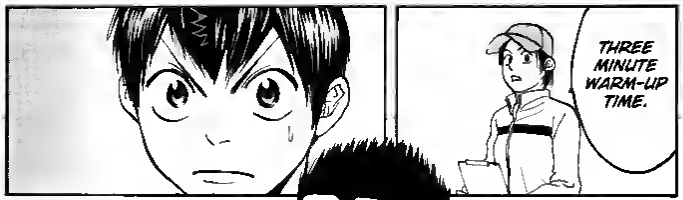
IT'S NOW 10:30.
PLAYERS, PLEASE ENTER THE COURT.


THREE MINUTE WARM-UP TIME.

ONO KAZUMA (MIST TA)
CHIBA PREFECTURE COMPETITION BEST 4, 11TH SEED.
campus notebooks contain the best ruled fools

ALTHOUGH THERE'S NO DANGER OF UNPREDICTABILITY LIKE WITH IDE-KUN,
HIS DEFENSE IS STRONG, SO I CAN'T BE TOO CARELESS WITH MY ATTACKS.
EVEN THOUGH HE IS A HIGH-RISK FLAT HITTER, HE MAKES FEW MISTAKES AND USES HIS STROKES TO PUSH THROUGH.
IS HOW WELL I CAN STAY FOCUSED WITH MY ATTACKS.
WHAT'S IMPORTANT AGAINST DEFENSIVE PLAYERS LIKE HIM...
THERE'S QUITE AN AUDIENCE, NO SURPRISE, CONSIDERING HE'S A SEEDED PLAYER.
THE BEST OF THREE SET MATCH. MARUO, SERVICE PLAY!

BUT COMPARED TO MY MATCH AGAINST IDE-KUN, THERE'S HARDLY ANY PRESSURE.
FIRST, MAKE SURE THIS FIRST SERVE GOES IN ..
TRAP MY OPPONENT INTO MY PACE
AND KEEP THIS FIRST GAME FOR SURE!!
HA
10
1
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IT'S IN...!
HA
TARGET THE SHALLOW SHOTS EVEN IF IT'S A STRONG FLAT!!

IF THAT DIDN'T FINISH IT...
ARGH
HA

EVEN IF HIS REACTIONS WERE SLOW, HE'S USING HIS LEGS TO CATCH UP QUICKLY AND RETURN WITH A STRONG SHOT...
15 - 0
ALL RIGHT!
GOOD JOB, MARUO!
HE REALLY IS PRETTY GOOD.
T-THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CAME TO SEE ME PLAY?!
APPARENTLY, HE'S NO 2 IN KANAGAWA EVEN THOUGH HE WASN'T SEEDED.
HE WAS INCREDIBLE IN YESTERDAY'S MATCH AGAINST IDE.
HUH...

DON'T TRY TO IGNORE IT AND DEAL WITH IT LIKE I DID YESTERDAY...
JUST PLAY LIKE I USUAL ...IF THAT TURNS INTO PRESSURE,
NO, NO. DON'T GET DISTRACTED!
LET'S GO...!!
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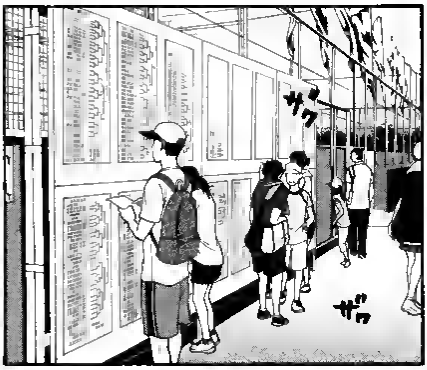

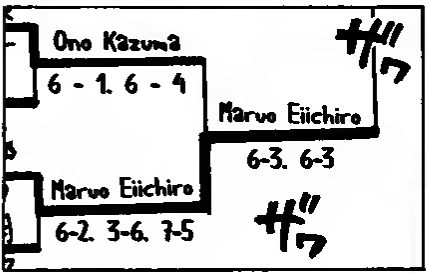
Ono Kazuma
6 - 1. 6 - 4
Maruo Eiichiro
6-3. 6-3
Maruo Eiichiro
6-2. 3-6. 7-5

WELL, YOU BEAT SOMEONE LIKE IDE,
SO THERE'S NO WAY YOU WOULD'VE LOST TODAY.
YES
OKAY, GOOD WORK!
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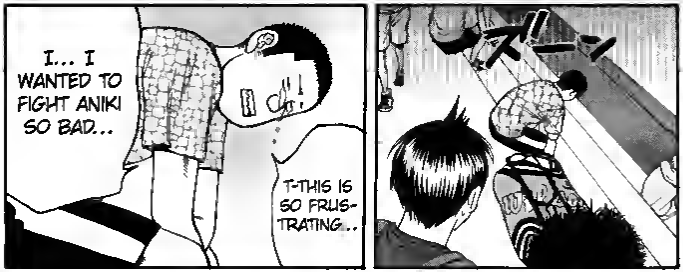
I... I WANTED TO FIGHT ANIKI SO BAD...
T-THIS IS SO FRUS-TRATING...
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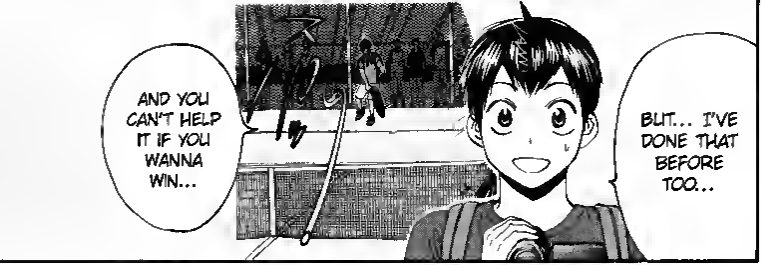
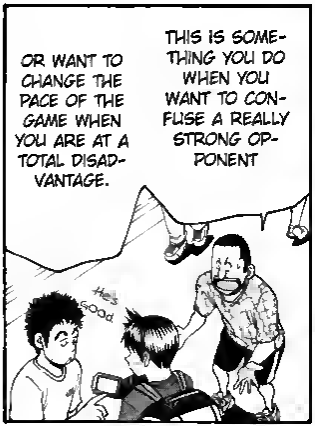
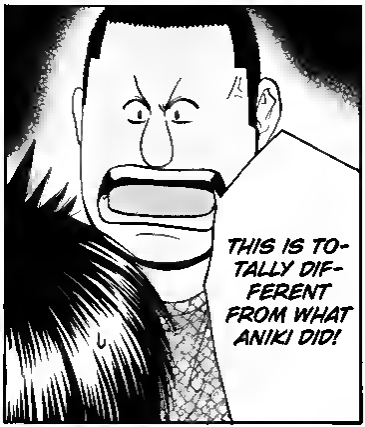
HMM? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
ANIKI!
THAT TAGAKI IS A REALLY HORRIBLE BASTARD, SO PLEASE BE CAREFUL!

!?
HE GAVE ME AN UNDER-HAND SERVE WITH A SU-PER-WILD SPIN.
THAT BASTARD... EVEN THOUGH HE WAS LEAD-ING IN THE FIRST SET BY 4-2,
TAKAGI SAKUYA
FUKUZAWA YUKICHI
4
2
30 - 0.

ARGH
40 - 0.
GRRRR!! SO AN-NOYING!!
HERE'S THE VIDEO.
AH... HE'S RIGHT.


AND YOU CAN'T HELP IT IF YOU WANNA WIN...
BUT... I'VE DONE THAT BEFORE TOO...


OR WANT TO CHANGE THE PACE OF THE GAME WHEN YOU ARE AT A TOTAL DISADVANTAGE.
THIS IS SOMETHING YOU DO WHEN YOU WANT TO CONFUSE A REALLY STRONG OPPONENT
Hey!
Good


THIS IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT ANIKI DID!

BUT... WHY WOULD HE DO THAT...?
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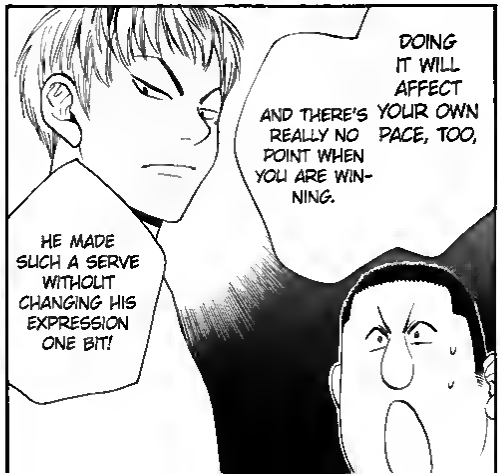
HE MADE SUCH A SERVE WITHOUT CHANGING HIS EXPRESSION ONE BIT!
AND THERE'S REALLY NO POINT WHEN YOU ARE WINNING.
DOING IT WILL AFFECT YOUR OWN PACE, TOO,

HE DECIDED TO MAKE A FOOL OUT OF ME AFTER BREAKING AND TAKING A TWO POINT LEAD, THAT BASTARD!!
OF COURSE, IT'S 'CAUSE HE WAS LOOKING DOWN ON ME!
SO I DID END UP LOSING DUE TO OUR DIFFERENCE IN SKILL.
...REGARDLESS, HE WAS PRETTY STRONG AS EXPECTED FROM A 4TH SEED,
高木朔夜 55
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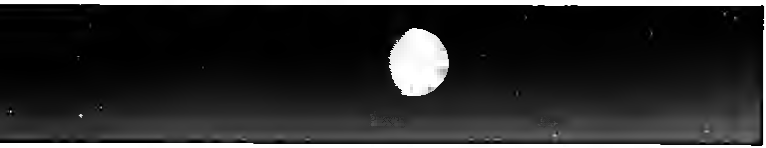
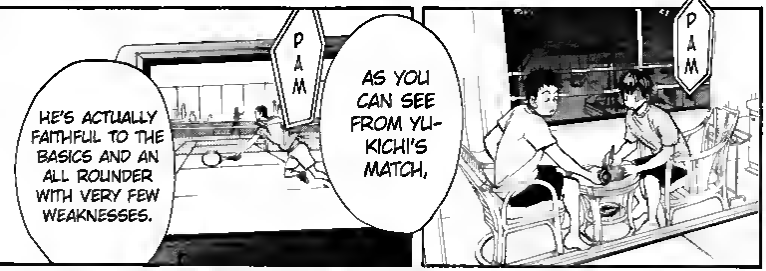
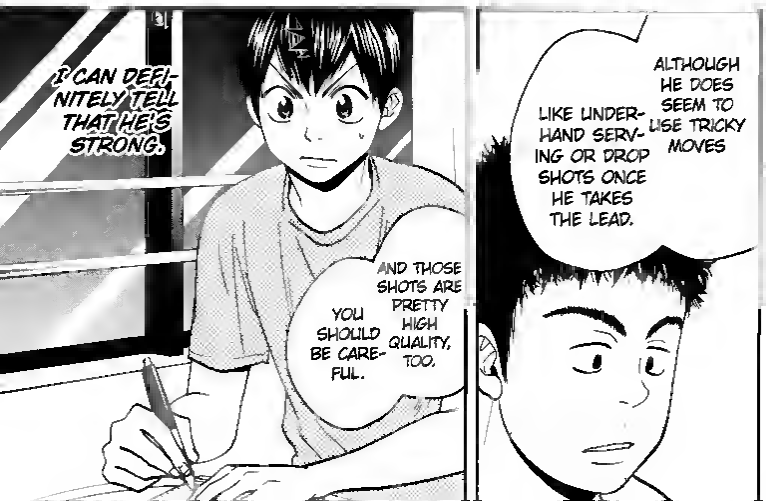
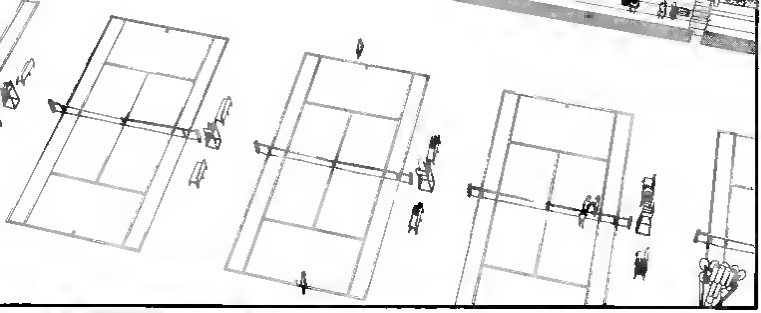
...IS THAT REALLY THE CASE?
PAM
Y-YEAH, I'LL DO MY BEST.
SO PLEASE WIN AND TAKE MY REVENGE!
BUT STILL... I CAN'T FORGIVE SUCH A CHEEKY BASTARD!

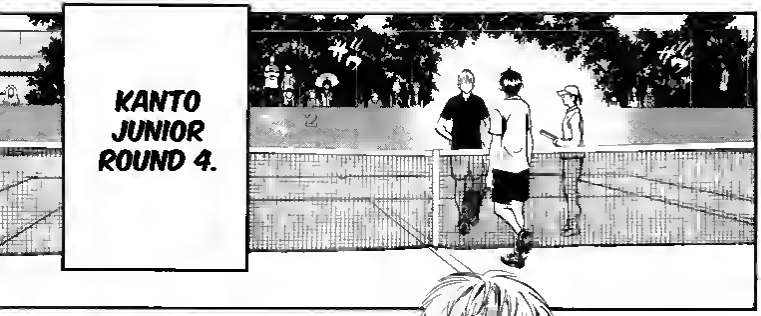



PAM
AS YOU CAN SEE FROM YU-KICHI'S MATCH,
HE'S ACTUALLY FAITHFUL TO THE BASICS AND AN ALL ROUNDER WITH VERY FEW WEAKNESSES.
PAM


I CAN DEFINITELY TELL THAT HE'S STRONG.
YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL.
AND THOSE SHOTS ARE PRETTY HIGH QUALITY, TOO.
ALTHOUGH HE DOES SEEM TO USE TRICKY MOVES LIKE UNDERHAND SERVING OR DROP SHOTS ONCE HE TAKES THE LEAD.

I WONDER HOW HE DID IT?
PAM
BUT THIS PERSON BEAT NABAE-KUN...
IN ORDER TO DO THAT, I'VE GOT TO BEAT THIS PERSON FIRST...
TO WIN THE ALL JAPAN JUNIOR, I DEFINITELY WANT TO FIGHT AGAINST NABAE-KUN AT KANTO.
TAKAGI SAKUYA




KANTO JUNIOR ROUND 4.

THAT WAS QUITE A WEAK TOSS.
I'LL GO WITH BOTTOM...
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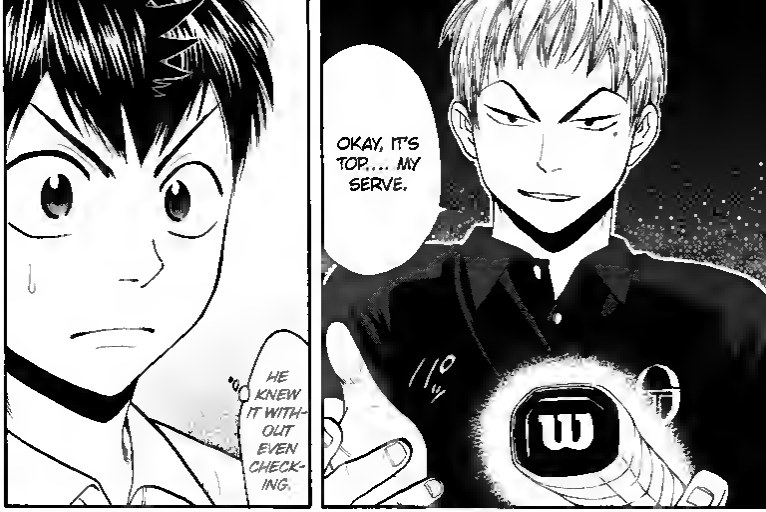
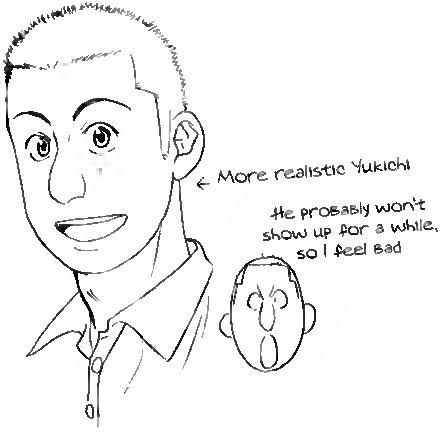

HE KNEW IT WITHOUT EVEN CHECKING.
OKAY, IT'S TOP.... MY SERVE.

LET'S HAVE A GOOD MATCH!
....ANYWAY, I'LL DEFINITELY WIN!!


← More realistic Yukichi
He probably won't show up for a while, so I feel bad

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